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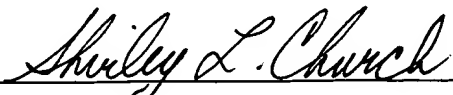
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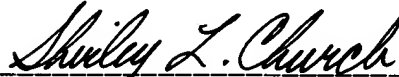
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It is submitted that the art cited does not constitute a bar to the patentability of Applicants' invention under 35 U.S.C. §102 or § 103.

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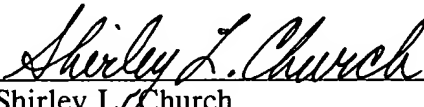
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